

RESPONSE

Support

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6. Support for this amendment is found in original claims 4 and 6, as well as at page 6, line 16 to page 7, line 4 of the specification (claim 4) and at page 9, line 26 to page 10, line 20 (claim 6) of the specification. Claims 4 and 6 have been cancelled.

No other elements of the claims have been amended.

Response

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8 and 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forde et al (US 6,136,051) alone, or in combination with Pudelski et al (US 6,412,468). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6, which was not rejected over Forde, either alone or in combination with Pudelski. Therefore, Applicants respectfully ask that these rejections be removed.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malfer et al (US 6,800,103) alone, or in combination with Pace et al (WO 02/18521 A2). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, which was not rejected over Malfer, either alone or in combination with Pace. Therefore, Applicants respectfully ask that these rejections be removed.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1-3 and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daly et al (US 6,224,642) alone, or in combination with Pace et al (WO 02/18521 A2). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6, which were not rejected over Daly, either alone or in combination with Pace. Therefore, Applicants respectfully ask that these rejections be removed.

Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that the present claims are novel and unobvious over the cited references, and in condition for allowance. The foregoing remarks are believed to be a full and complete response to the outstanding office action. Therefore an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the

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Examiner believes that only minor issues remain to be resolved, a telephone call to the Undersigned is suggested.

Any required fees or any deficiency or overpayment in fees should be charged or credited to deposit account 12-2275 (The Lubrizol Corporation).

Respectfully submitted,

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